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LYMAN KIRKPATRICK INTERVIEWED

FRED GALE: We have one guest with us in the studio tonight and Mr. Lyman Kirkpatrick is his name and he has written a book called CAPTAINS WITHOUT EYES and it is all about intelligence failures in World War Two. Some of the big battles the United States was involved in, in Austria, Germany and different countries. Mr. Kirkpatrick is the former executive director of the CIA. Where on the level of the top echelon is the executive director as far as the CIA?

LYMAN KIRKPATRICK: Number three. The director and deputy director are appointed by Congress and the number three man, the executive director, the executive director controller now, is the number three man, the top career man in the agency so to speak.

GALE: I see sir. The other two men are political appointees that more or less come and go with the administration.....

KIRKPATRICK: Well they are. But of course the present director, Richard Helms, is a career officer who has risen up and became deputy director under Admiral Rayburn and for the last, since 1966 has been the director. So the executive director in the line is more or less the general manager of the agency, and the chief of staff, whatever you want to call it.